

Dear Commissioners of the FCC:

I have recently read that the Commission will soon vote on whether to reduce or eliminate restrictions on how many media outlets one company can own in a given market. As a consumer I strongly oppose such a move. I live in a city where one company (Clear Channel) owns all but two radio stations, and there's a pronounced feeling here that there's less diversity of viewpoints and less locally based programming available on the airwaves, since Clear Channel has gotten so big.

I would like to see more, not less, restriction on consolidation of media ownership, so as to promote more diversity and more local content.

Also, media conglomeration is very unhealthy for our struggling democracy because it allows the rich and powerful owners of huge slices of the media to determine exactly what information the public should know or not know. This will bring about a totalitarian system where the rulers have absolute control over the media -- very undemocratic.

Sincerely,

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